**CUHK Teacher Elected IEEE Fellow**

Prof. W.S. Wong of the Department of Information Engineering has recently been elected a fellow of IEEE (Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, USA), an honour bestowed only on a few each year who have made enormous contribution to electronic and electrical engineering. This year, only two academics from Hong Kong were chosen to receive the honour. Prof. Wong was elected on the strength of his outstanding contributions to non-linear estimation systems and the application of relevant system theories to solving communications and information processing problems.

Prof. Wong graduated summa cum laude from Yale University with a combined MA BA degree in 1976. He then obtained his master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University in 1978 and 1980 respectively. He joined The Chinese University in 1992 and has been the chairman of the Department of Information Engineering since 1995. He has published over 90 papers in academic journals and conferences and has received two US patents.

Prof. Wong’s research interests include mobile communication systems, non-linear filtering, and information issues in estimation and control. Many of his projects are closely tied to Hong Kong’s industry, and have attracted much funding support from the Research Grants Council and the Industrial Support Fund. He has been leading a project on a Chinese search engine called MoLi & ANSeRS, the core concept for which was patented by the US Patent and Trademark Office in 2000. The search engine received the Certificate of Merit in Consumer Product Design of the Hong Kong Award for Industry in 1997.

Prof. Wong’s technology has been licensed to several technology companies, including Vitova, a local software company. The basic technology has been incorporated by Vitova in its document management products, including one that can automatically categorize documents based on key words. Vitova has recently formed a business partnership with Ricoh, a Fortune 500 company, based on these document management products.

**Three Distinguished Visiting Professors Give Lectures on Campus**

- Prof. Patrick T. Harker, dean of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, delivered a public lecture entitled ‘From Customer to Co-producer: Lessons for Higher Education’ on 23rd January in the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building in his capacity as Wei Lun Visiting Professor to the University. In his lecture, Prof. Harker explored the concept of customer efficiency management and the ability of an organization to effectively manage a customer’s efforts in co-producing a service. He supported his explanation with preliminary empirical evidence from on-line retailing and contextualized it in the higher education sector.

- Dr. Howard E. Gardner, John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, delivered a Lee Hysan Lecture in Education entitled ‘Good Work: When Excellence and Ethics Meet in School’ on 22nd January in the Ho Tim Building, Dr. Gardner is best known for his theory of multiple intelligences, which challenges the widely held notion that intelligence is a single general capacity that can be assessed through IQ testing. Instead it posits the existence of nine different types of intelligence, including linguistic, musical, and spatial intelligences. Over the past two decades, the theory of multiple intelligences has been applied in hundreds of classrooms and school districts, including some in Hong Kong.

In his lecture, Dr. Gardner described how it is possible to carry out quality and responsible work in the market-driven era and suggest strategies that can help the aspiring good worker, using genetics and journalism as examples.

- Prof. Zhang Boran, professor of the School of Foreign Studies and director of the Bilingual Dictionary Research Centre of Nanjing University, delivered a lecture on ‘Dictionaries and Translation’ in his capacity as Wilson T.S. Wang-New Method College Visiting Professor in Language Education on 22nd February in the Esther Lee Building. Prof. Zhang explored the dialectical and subtle relationships between dictionaries and translation in his lecture, pointing out that though indispensable to the process of translation, dictionaries are not always reliable. Hence one should always consult more than one dictionary, which, if necessary, should include a monolingual dictionary. One should also be encouraged to use lateral thinking when dictionaries fail to cope with neologisms.

**Four More Research Projects Receive Local Sponsorship**

The following four projects undertaken by University staff have succeeded in attracting funding support locally:

- **Development of Medical Devices and Nano-Biosensors to Promote Biomedical Electronic Industry in Hong Kong (HK$6,881,000)**
  
  Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Zhang Yuan-ting (Department of Electronic Engineering)
  
  Other Investigators: Prof. K.T. Chan, Prof. C.Y. Cheng, Prof. Chien Chou, Prof. S. C. Chung, Prof. P.C. Ching, Prof. K.P. Fung, Prof. P. Heng, Prof. Dov Jaron, Dr. Tan Lee, Prof. C.Y. Lee, Prof. H.W. Leong, Prof. W.J. Li, Prof. Z.H. Lu, Prof. H. K. Ng, Prof. B. Oonaral, Prof. Kamibiz Pourrezaei, Prof. J. Sung, Prof. T. Tamura, Prof. S.K.W. Tsai, Prof. M.Y. Wuye, Prof. S.P. Wong, Prof. J. Woo, Prof. Y.H. Xu
  
  - **To Promote Tai Chi as an Exercise to Enhance the Health Promotion Aspect of Osteoporosis (HK$491,760)**
  
  Sponsor: Health Care and Promotion Fund
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Carmen W.H. Chan (Nethersole School of Nursing)
  
  - **R&D of New Process Chemicals for the Electronic Industry (HK$1,220,335)**
  
  Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund and Shipley Asia Ltd.
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Raymond Kwock (Department of Chemistry)
  
  - **Effectiveness of Interventions for Reducing Breathlessness, Fatigue and Anxiety in Chinese Patients Undergoing Lung Cancer Radiotherapy in HK (HK$456,000)**
  
  Sponsor: Health Services Research Fund
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Carmen W.H. Chan (Nethersole School of Nursing)
Conferences to Explore Optimal Solutions and an E-Commerce Platform

An industrial forum was also held by the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management from 7th to 9th January at the Regal Kowloon Hotel jointly with Tsinghua University, the General Machinery Industry Association of China (GMIA), and a number of GMIA enterprises. The participants proposed the establishment of an e-commerce platform with the support and involvement of GMIA enterprises. General machinery is a traditional industry in China which has contributed significantly to the national economy. However, many enterprises in this industry have been encountering difficulties in production planning, marketing, sales, and logistics management for many years. China’s accession to the World Trade Organization means that they will also be under great pressure to compete directly with international enterprises. It is imperative that they upgrade their operations and management by applying modern information technologies. The forum was held with an aim to promote collaboration between academia and industry, which may help solve some of the problems faced by these enterprises.

Weight Management Is a Collaborative Effort

Treating diseases is not only the work of doctors. It involves the efforts of many healthcare professionals from various disciplines as well as the cooperation of patients. Obesity is a case in point. Obesity can lead to chronic disabling conditions but weight management is a difficult job. In a pilot programme conducted by the Faculty of Medicine, 60 young obese patients with an average age of 35 were given a six-month treatment with an anti-obesity drug. All lost weight and showed a major reduction in all risk factors, especially blood glucose and cholesterol levels. Upon the discontinuation of the drug, half of the patients joined a structured behaviour modification programme. At the end of another six months, patients who underwent the programme maintained their body weight while the rest regained the weight they had lost.

The results of the study were presented on 20th February in the Postgraduate Education Centre of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

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The main objective of AASP is to promote collaboration in the advancement of pharmacy education and research among member schools, to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information of pharmacy education, research, and professional practice, and to establish liaison with other health professionals, governmental and other agencies that may lead to the development, support, and improvement of pharmaceutical education, research, and practice.

Forecasting the role of Goa in the international pharmacy market, Prof. Chow hopes to set a new direction for Asian pharmacy education and research so that AASP can play an important role not only in the Asian but the international pharmacy scene.

Mr. Marcus Lee (left), receiving a souvenir after his presentation at the symposium

Symposium Deals with Hot Topic of Corporate Governance and Disclosure

Prominent speakers from Australia, England, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, the US, and Hong Kong shared their views on corporate governance and accounting disclosure in an increasingly globalized world with their audience at the Third Symposium on Corporate Governance and Disclosure, held on 1st and 2nd February in the grand ballroom of Harbour Plaza Hong Kong. The event, which attracted over a hundred delegates, was jointly organized by the Centre for Accounting Disclosure and Corporate Governance of the School of Accountancy.

The aim of the conference was to facilitate a better understanding of the challenging issues in the governance of listed companies and highlight the many hurdles that Hong Kong still needs to overcome before it can realize its aspiration to be the paragon of corporate governance in the region. Two front-line regulators, Mr. Ashley Alder, Executive Director of Corporate Finance at the Securities and Futures Commission, and Ms. Karen Lee, Executive Vice-President for Listing Regulation and Risk Management at the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, made candid presentations of corporate governance in Hong Kong.

Substantial Economic Loss Caused by Flu

A recent study jointly conducted by the School of Pharmacy, the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, and the Department of Economics reveals that flu and flu-like illnesses have adverse effects on the health and productivity of workers, resulting in disruption of daily activities and a loss of corporate earnings. The possible economic loss is estimated to be as high as HK$31.3 billion each year.

Entitled 'A Study on the Health and Productivity Impacts of Flu and Flu-like Illnesses', the project was conducted in May 2001 in collaboration with a sizeable company in Hong Kong. It was the first local study on the incidence and effects of flu among the working population and the cost implications for businesses. Over 2,000 employees from the company were surveyed.

The aim of the study is to assess the impact of the illnesses on the well-being of the working population and the economy as a whole so that proper measures can be taken to alert the public to the socio-economic cost of flu.

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Dr. Collins Stoepey (left), University Librarian, and Prof. Leung Ping Chung (right), head of New Asia College, gave toasts at the ceremony to welcome the guests and express their gratitude for the donation. Also attending the reception were Ms. Julia Travers, acting representative of the Yale-China Association (Hong Kong Office), Prof. Ho Puay Peng, dean of students of New Asia College, Dr. Peter Man, college secretary, Ms. Teresa To, librarian of Ch'ien Mu Library, Yale English language instructors, and members of the Yale Club.

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Prof. Sumon Sakolchai, Secretary-General of AASP and dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Khon Kaen University, Thailand, visited the University on 24th January to acquaint himself with the CUHK School of Pharmacy and to give a seminar on 'Pharmacy Education in Thailand'. He also discussed exchange programmes and items on the AASP agenda with Prof. Chow.
Horses Around the Art Museum

The Chinese zodiac comprises 12 animal signs. People born in a certain year are said to possess the characteristics of the animal of that year. For example, those born in the Year of the Dragon are believed to have fiery tempers and imperial bearing, while those born in the Year of the Monkey are supposed to be lively and intelligent.

In Hong Kong, the Year of the Horse made its resounding entry amidst firework display, turnip cake steaming, and red packet exchanging in mid-February 2002. Known for its sweet nature, elegance, and speed, the horse is a symbol of vitality, moderation, and advancement. At The Chinese University, the new year was ushered in by an exhibition at the Art Museum that has as its theme the animal of the year. Artefacts in the shape of horses and paintings of horses are displayed to celebrate the return of this friendly animal after 12 years. Thematic Chinese New Year greeting cards have also been produced, and quickly sold out.

On display at the Art Museum are several pottery horses from the Han to the Tang periods. The largest one is a four-foot-high grey pottery horse from Eastern Han (25-220), showing the well-proportioned and robust body of a 'blood-sweating heavenly horse' (see Picture 1). Known for their amazing speed, stamina, and robustness, these creatures became the model for paintings and sculptures after the Western Han period (206 B.C.-24). Ms. Lai Suk-ye, assistant curator at the Art Museum, explained that according to a well-known legend, the horses literally sweat blood because when they gallop at full speed, their sweat is mingled with blood from the veins on the surface of their skin, which renders it pinkish. Another scholarly explanation has it that a parasite on the horse's skin, according to a well-documented explanation, turns the blood red. These horses were imported into China from the Fergana valley, in the region where Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan now stand. With smaller heads, slender necks, and longer legs, these animals were very different from the domestic breed in China since the Zhou and Qin dynasties—the squat Mongolian pony with its short limbs, sturdy neck, and large head, which were the models for the burial horses unearthed alongside the renowned terracotta warriors of the Qin dynasty. There are two small toy-like steeds with a monkey, brought to life under the exquisite brushwork of Guangdong artist Zhang Mu 張穆 (1607-1683), are also on display in album leaves and scrolls. Other paintings include the traditional, two-dimensional Horses in the Style of Hua Yan (dated 1616) by Ni Tian 尼田 (1855-1919), The Steed Huailxia in Wind and Rain (dated 1925) by Gao Jianfu 高劍父 (1879-1951), founder of the Lingnan School, whose considerations for depth, perspective, texture, and impressions of movement indicate Western influence, and a caricature version of Su Changgong Riding a White Horse (dated 1968) by Ting Yin-yung 丁衍庸 (1902-1978).

The largest painting in the exhibition is a horizontal scroll (see Picture 3) by an unknown court painter in the mid- to late Qing period (19th century) who most probably painted with the works of Lang Shining 朗世寧 (Giuseppe Castiglione, 1688-1766, a Jesuit brother working at the Qing court) as a prototype. The three-dimensionality, colour, and movements of the steeds are all reminiscent of his style. The painting shows a sensitive merging of Western realism with the subtlety of Chinese ink-brush paintings.

All these exhibits come from the museum's collection and are now shown as part of the Art Museum's 30th anniversary exhibition, which includes other items featuring auspicious motifs such as bats, whose Chinese pronunciation is the same as that for 'good fortune' (福), and peaches, which signify longevity. The highlights are a large blue and white vase with the Chinese character for longevity (壽) written ten thousand times, not once more or less, all over it (see Picture 4), and a screen with a painting of elaborate birthday celebrations for a man of an affluent family on one side, and those for a woman on the other (see Picture 5).

At the start of every Lunar new year, relevant pieces are selected from the Art Museum's collection of over 10,000 pieces of Chinese art, which it has acquired over the years, for the staging of exhibitions of this sort. The collection includes paintings and calligraphy, rubbings of ancient calligraphy, seals, ceramics, jades, bronzes, lacquerware, and objects for the scholar's studio from the Neolithic to the modern periods. The museum also loans items from private collectors as well as important museums on the mainland for thematic exhibitions.

Established in 1971 as the Art Gallery, the museum is housed in the Institute of Chinese Studies, the second oldest building on central campus. It has served as a university museum and a research centre for Chinese art and antiquities. Every year, on top of research and teaching, it mounts special exhibitions and organizes lectures and other activities along with semi-permanent displays of its collection, to promote the appreciation of Chinese art and culture.

Supporting the museum in its work is the Friends of the Art Museum, founded in 1981 to help organize workshops, tours, and lectures for the public, and to train docents for guided tours. There are now some 700 to 800 'friends' who frequently make donations for the acquisition of artefacts and useful facilities such as audio-guides.

The Art Museum holds some of the most culturally valuable treasures in the University, and perhaps Hong Kong, yet, like other museums in the territory, could better realize its functions of educating, inspiring, or simply pleasing the eye, if this city was more interested in its own and other people's histories and more patient with the less sensually provocative forms of culture. Ms. Lai Suk-ye says, 'In their free time, if they want to do something "cultural", people go to the movies or even pick up a book, but not many will think of going to the latest exhibition at one of the many museums in Hong Kong.' Visiting museums is one of the best ways to get to know a culture, and in the case of the CUHK Art Museum, traditional Chinese culture, through art. Yet kindling that kind of interest or curiosity has to start from primary school, Ms. Lai believes, and it is only with a museum culture in place that Hong Kong can have more appreciative museum goers, and its museums can have the incentive to improve.

Perhaps a tour to the University's Art Museum to see the horses is a good start for some of us. Docent guided tours in English can be booked Monday through Saturday by contacting the docent scheduler of the Friends, Davina Francescotti, at 2813 5402. Wish to join a guided-tour in Cantonese? Go there on 20th March (Wednesday) at 1.15 p.m. You won’t be disappointed.
**Professorial Appointment**

Natal, the University of Melbourne, La Trobe University, and RMIT University. From 1999 to 2001, she was the head of professional development, Learning Technology Services, at RMIT University. In 2002, she took up the post of director of the Centre for Learning and Teaching, at the University of Melbourne. She also has a cross appointment at the Faculty of Education.

Prof. McNaught's key research interests include investigating the relationships between computer-based learning and teaching and learning methodologies, especially in the area of active learning. She can be reached at Ext. 6028.

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**Funds of the 1995 and 1983 Schemes and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (MPFS)**

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**Felicity Investments Management (Hong Kong) Limited: Growth Fund**

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**Deutsche Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited: Stable Fund**

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The investment managers will assess the past performance of the funds concerned and the market outlook for the rest of 2002. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. The forum will be conducted in Cantonese with simultaneous translation in English. Presentation materials in English will also be available for distribution. Members are welcome to discuss informally with the investment managers at the foyer of the lecture theatre.

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**The Freemasons’ Fund for East Asian Studies**

The Freemasons’ Fund for East Asian Studies now invites one sponsored application from the University for a grant to subsidize studies relevant to East Asia in 2002. Full or partial support can be given in the form of research fellowships and sponsorships for surveys, public lectures, and publications.

Applications endorsed by department chairmen/faculty deans or unit heads concerned should be forwarded with a completed application form and a summary form to Mrs. Betty Lo, personnel manager, on or before 25th March 2002 for submission to the relevant university committees for consideration. Details of the fund and application forms have already been sent to faculty deans. Extra copies are obtainable from the Personnel Office (Ext. 7288/7191).

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**Renaming of Postgraduate Halls**

Since September 2001, the old Postgraduate Hall Complex located on Clinic Road has moved to the former University Residences No. 5 to No. 9 along Residence Road. Including the New Postgraduate Hall adjacent to the University Sports Centre, there are now a total of six Postgraduate Halls. These buildings have been renamed as follows:

- Postgraduate Hall No. 1: New Postgraduate Hall
- Postgraduate Hall No. 2: University Residence No. 5
- Postgraduate Hall No. 3: University Residence No. 6
- Postgraduate Hall No. 4: University Residence No. 7
- Postgraduate Hall No. 5: University Residence No. 8
- Postgraduate Hall No. 6: University Residence No. 9

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**Hepatitis Awareness Campaign**

The University Health Service will hold a Hepatitis Awareness Campaign in the month of March. Vaccination at the health centre for hepatitis B is available in two doses at HK$225 per dose, while that for Hepatitis A is available in three doses at HK$70 per dose. A pre-vaccination blood test is required for Hepatitis B and optional for Hepatitis A. Blood tests are administered on 14th and 15th March 2002 at HK$100 each from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. An exhibition on hepatitis will run from 11th to 22nd March. A health counselling service is also available.

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**Blood Donation Campaign 2002**

Blood donation is encouraged. Donors are requested to donate blood at the University Health Service, the Office of
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**Chung Chi’s Golden Jubilee Cantonese Opera Exhibition**

Chung Chi College, the Department of Music, and the University Library System are jointly presenting An Exhibition of Eight Decades of Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong (1920–2000) from 1st March to 30th March 2002 at the Elisabeth Luce Moore Library to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Chung Chi College. All University members are welcome.

The exhibits come from the Music Department’s Sit Gwoksin Collection, Yam and Bok Collections, materials from the ritual performances of Cantonese opera in Hong Kong, and books from the library.

The exhibition is also open to the public on the Sundays of 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Cultural Institute’s Year of Horse Exhibition**

Cultural Institute’s Year of Horse Exhibition, featuring paintings, calligraphy, seals, ceramics, porcelain, jade, antiques, toys, puppets, and other objects, is on display at the Yenching Library from 1st March to 30th March 2002. The exhibition is also open to the public on the Sundays of 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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霍秀英教授和中大和之關係

胡秀英教授是著名動物學家、植物學家，中大生物學系的創始教授之一。她在中大的研究和教學生涯超過五十年，為中國的植物學和動物學做出了重要貢獻。在中大時，她不僅是課堂上的教授，也是學生們的朋友和導師。她的學者風範和人格魅力，深受學生們的尊重和愛戴。

胡教授出生於中國的一個知識分子家庭，早年赴美留學，獲得博⼠學位。回國後，她於中大生物系擔任教授，並在該系擔任系主任多年。她在中大的研究領域主要集中在中國的植物學，特別是中國的藥用植物。她撰寫了大量的論文和著作，為中大的植物學研究做出了重要貢獻。胡教授的學術成就得到了國際社會的認可和尊重，她在中大的研究生涯，成為了中國植物學研究的標誌性事件。

在中大時，胡教授除了對學術研究的熱愛，也對中國文化有著深深的愛好。她認為，只有深深理解中國文化，才能真正理解中國的歷史和社會。因此，她在中大時，將中國文化的元素融入到她的教學和研究中，為學生們提供了豐富的學術資源。

胡教授在中大時，也深受學生們的愛戴。她在課堂上的教學風格獨特，總是能將復雜的學術問題簡化為學生們容易理解的語言。她的課堂上，總是充滿了學生們的探討和互動，為學生們提供了一個開放和創新的學習環境。

胡教授認為，要想成為卓越的學者，必須要有堅定的學術信念和無畏的探索精神。她認為，學術研究就像是一個永無止境的探索之旅，需要不斷地學習和成長。她在中大時，總是能在學術上保持嶄新的面貌，為學生們提供了範例。

胡教授的貢獻不僅限於學術領域，她還在中國的社會事務中扮演著重要的角色。她是中國植物學界的重要人物，為中國的植物保護事業做出了重要的貢獻。她的學術成就和社會影響，為中國的植物學研究和植物保護事業樹立了標竿。

在胡教授的指導下，中大的植物學研究成為了中國的標誌性領域。她的學生們不僅在學術上取得了卓越的成就，也在社會事務中發揮著重要的作用。她的傳承和影響，為中國的植物學研究和社會事務樹立了標竿。
流感損害香港經濟

本校一項研究顯示，流行性感冒病類（包括流感及傷風）降低了香港勞動人口的生產力，引致經濟損失每年高達三百一十三億港元。

是項研究由藥劑學院、內科及藥物治療學系,以及經濟學系合作開展,於去年五月以問卷形式訪問本港一間大型企業逾二千名員工,以調查在流感高峰期（二至四月）間,員工發病的普遍程度,並對患者及其家人和同事的影響。

研究負責人藥劑學院李烱前教授表示,流感和傷風對本港企業及整體經濟的影響一直被忽視,很多市民誤解流感為小病,而沒有及早求醫。「流感如處理不當,不但會引起併發症,嚴重的更會危害生命。」

調查發現,僱員患流感或傷風的情況十分普遍:約六成受訪者在流感高峰期曾患上流感或感冒;兩人四分之三人同期間曾兩次或多次患流感,近三成患過病的員工告病假;其中兩人六成病假最少達三天;兩人四成曾把流感傳染給同事或家人。

超過八成患有中度至嚴重感冒的員工表示,他們的工作表現及日常生活受到病情影響;四成多人在患病五至七天後,他們的工作及日常生活仍然受到影響;只有五成八人會向西醫求診。

研究人員據此推論為流感使每名員工平均每年損失八點八個工作天,並使香港經濟每年損失三百一十三億港元。他們認為及早求診、按醫生指示服食藥物、加強保健教育及改善工作環境,可減少流行性感冒病類對員工、僱主及香港整體經濟的影響。

中華教育課程改革

三百多名來自香港、澳門、深圳及台灣的教育工作者於一月二十五至二十七日出席「第四屆兩岸三地課程理論研討會」,交流中華地區課程統整的比較研究。

會議由教育學院、課程與教學學系、香港教育研究所,以及人民教育出版社課程教材研究所和台北師範學院合辦,於何添樓舉行。教育學院院長鍾宇平教授及香港教育研究所所長盧乃桂教授分別出任開幕禮及閉幕禮的主禮嘉賓。

三十多名學者在會上宣讀論文,其中包括人民教育出版社呂達教授、中央教育科學研究所白月橋先生、華東師範大學崔允漷教授、台北師範學院歐用生教授、台灣師範大學陳伯璋教授、香港教育署課程發展處總監陳嘉琪博士、中大黃顯華教授和林智中教授等。會上發表的論文已結集成書,查詢可聯繫香港教育研究所。

減肥有賴多方合作

肥胖會誘發多種慢性疾病包括心血管病、關節退化、膽囊病,以及一些惡性婦產或腸胃科疾病。肥胖跟高血壓、高血糖及高血脂等狀密切,脂肪細胞會分泌不少有害的荷爾蒙或蛋白,直接損害身體組織。

醫學院為六十名平均年齡為三十五歲的肥胖人士開展先導計劃,以控制體重。他們服用能減低脂肪吸收量的藥物六個月後,可中度減輕體重(即減少體重及腰圍百分之四至十),使身體危險因素減少一至五成不等,尤其明顯的是血糖及膽固醇水平下降。其後,所有病人停止服用減肥藥物,半數病人繼續接受行為跟進計劃,定期見營養師及接受醫生的評估。又六個月後,參與行為跟進計劃的病人依然維持減肥後的體重,但其餘病人則回復減肥前的體重,危險因素更惡化了。

總結研究,證明中度的體重減少,已對身體帶來很多好處。要有效控制體重,病人的決心與多個專科醫護人員的輔導和監察,皆不可少。最重要的,是必須讓胖子深入認識治療的方法和效果,正確使用減肥藥物。而體重管理計劃可加強減肥者的信心,使成效更高。

香港中文大學糖尿及內分泌中心獲香港糖尿病研究發展基金會資助,將與公共衛生學院轄下的營養研究中心合辦六個月自費的「體重管理計劃」,幫助高危的肥胖人士減輕體重,以改善健康狀況。

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內科及藥物治療學系的研究顯示，消滅受感染者體內的幽門螺桿菌，可預防他們服用阿士匹靈或NSAID類止痛藥時出現潰瘍，對冠心病、中風及關節炎的病人尤其有效。

是項研究結果已列入歐洲的最新護理指引（The Maastricht Consensus 2000）內，以預防冠心病、中風及關節炎病人患上潰瘍。

香港逾半人口受幽門螺桿菌感染，而半數服用阿士匹靈的冠心病或中風病人，以及使用NSAID類止痛藥的關節炎病人，會有潰瘍。

根據本校連串的研究證明，對中風或冠心病病人來說，消滅幽門螺桿菌可防止潰瘍，而及早消除幽門螺桿菌感染，亦可減低關節炎病人的潰瘍比率。這些病人因而無須長期服用制酸劑，可大大減少服藥的數量。

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「中國通用機械業電子商貿平台研討會」於一月七日至九日在富豪九龍酒店舉行。由香港中文大學、中國通用機械工業協會和內地通用機械行業部分企業協辦，工程學院代理院長黃永成教授致歡迎辭。與會者包括中大陳家亮教授、姚大衛教授、香港大學、清華大學吳澄教授、張霖博士及劉連臣博士，中國通用機械工業協會隋永濱理事長和張雨豹秘書長，以及部分通用機械企業代表。

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